**COVID-19 Status Update: NYS and Albany County**

**Positive COVID-19 tests 4/1/2021 – 11/28/2021**

 **Week comparisons for Albany County**

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| Week of | Total Tested Positive | Total Number of People Tested | Percent Positive | Total Cases per 100,000 |
| 11/7-11/13/**2020** | 490 | 20,227 | 2.42% | 159.6 |
| 11/7-11/13/**2021** | 668 | 14,525 | 4.60% | 208.3 |
| 11/14-11/20/2021 | 722 | 14,277 | 5.06% | 235.1 |
| 11/21-11/27/2021 | 685 | 12,506 | 5.48% | 223.0 |

**Determining Transmission Risk (per CDC)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Low | Moderate | Substantial | High |
| New cases per 100K persons over 7 days | <10 | 10-49.99 | 50-99.99 | >100 |

**Capital Region Schools Positive Cases 9/13 - 11/12/2021**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Students Tested Positive, age 5-17 | Teachers/Staff Tested Positive | Total Positive Cases |
| 9/13-11/12/2021 | 3,999 | 777 | **4,776** |
| 9/13-11/26/2021 | 5,221 | 1,026 | **6,247** |

**Vaccine Effectiveness Data and Cases/Hospitalizations by Vaccination Status**

In comparing the rates of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases between fully-vaccinated and unvaccinated people, fully-vaccinated New Yorkers continue to be strongly protected against infection.



(Source: NYS Department of Health)



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**COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5-11 Year-Olds**

***Get a COVID-19 vaccine for your child as soon as you can. (source: NYS Department of Health)***

* *COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and free.*
* *COVID-19 vaccines have undergone – and will continue to undergo – the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.*
* *Vaccinating children will help protect them from getting COVID-19 and reduce their risk of severe disease, hospitalizations, or developing long-term COVID-19 complications.*
* *COVID-19 cases in*[*children*](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/groups/families-children.html)*can result in hospitalizations, deaths, MIS-C (inflammatory syndromes) and long-term complications, such as “long COVID,” in which symptoms can linger for months.*
* *According to the CDC, the spread of the Delta variant resulted in a surge of COVID-19 cases in children throughout the summer.*
* *Similar to what was seen in adult vaccine trials, the vaccine was nearly 91 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 among children aged 5-11 years in vaccine trials.*
* *In clinical trials, vaccine side effects were mild, self-limiting, and similar to those seen in adults and with other vaccines recommended for children. The most common side effect was a sore arm.*

***Get the facts about the COVID-19 vaccine for children.***

* *Your child will need a second shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine 3 weeks after their first shot.*
* *Your child can't get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine, include the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.*
* *The vaccine cannot cause fertility issues for your child, and the vaccine cannot change their DNA.*
* *Your child may get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines at the same visit or at separate visits without any waiting period between vaccines.*



**Where to get the COVID-19 Vaccine**

1. Contact your child’s pediatrician or family physician
2. Go online <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>
3. Text your zip code to 438829
4. Call 1-800-232-0233

**Resources**

**Videos**

University of Michigan’s All About Coronavirus: A Video for Kids and Their Families

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lJQ123_4e8>

Unicef’s COVID-19 Vaccines Explained in 4 Levels of Difficulty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5CLKOnfBuM>

**Websites**

New York State Department of Health - The COVID-19 Vaccine and Children Ages 5 – 11

<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/frequently-asked-questions-about-5-11-year-olds-and-covid-19-vaccine>

CDC – COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fvaccines%2Frecommendations%2Fadolescents.html>

The American Academy of Pediatrics

The Science Behind COVID-19 Vaccines: Parent FAQs <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/COVID-19/Pages/The-Science-Behind-the-COVID-19-Vaccine-Parent-FAQs.aspx>

Getting Your Child Ready for the COVID-19 Vaccine

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/COVID-19/Pages/Getting-Your-Child-Ready-for-the-COVID-19-Vaccine.aspx>